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TITLE OF INVENTION ALL TERRAIN VEHICLE WITH FULL PLATFORM STYLE FOOTREST AND FOOT SHIFTED MANUAL TRANSMISSION

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# Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2-27-2001.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-18.
3. ☐ The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are acceptable as formal drawings.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All    b) ☐ Some\*    c) ☐ None    of the:
  1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- \* Certified copies not received: \_\_\_\_\_.
5. ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).

Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. **THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE FOR SUBMITTING NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS, OR A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION.** This three-month period for complying with the REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL is extendable under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

6. ☐ Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
7. ☒ Applicant MUST submit NEW FORMAL DRAWINGS
  - (a) ☒ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review( PTO-948) attached
    - 1) ☒ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  - (b) ☐ including changes required by the proposed drawing correction filed \_\_\_\_\_, which has been approved by the examiner.
  - (c) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No. \_\_\_\_\_.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings. The drawings should be filed as a separate paper with a transmittal letter addressed to the Official Draftsperson.

8. ☐ Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Any reply to this letter should include, in the upper right hand corner, the APPLICATION NUMBER (SERIES CODE / SERIAL NUMBER). If applicant has received a Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due, the ISSUE BATCH NUMBER and DATE of the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE should also be included.

## Attachment(s)

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| 1 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)                             | 2 <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)          |
| 3 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)         | 4 <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No. _____             |
| 5 <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449), Paper No. _____               | 6 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment                             |
| 7 <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material | 8 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
|  | 9 <input type="checkbox"/> Other  |

## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Request for Continuation Examination***

1. The request filed on February 27, 2001 for a Request for Continuation Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.53(d) based on parent Application No. 09/128,573 is acceptable and a RCE has been established. An action on the CPA follows.

### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

- 2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Segelbaum Charles on March 8, 2001.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 18, line 16-17, delete "the platform being arranged so as to prevent a toe of a rider's shoe extending therethrough"

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

3. Claims 1-18 are allowed.

***Reasons for allowance***

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claim 1, the references do not disclose an all terrain vehicle with the following: a footrest having generally horizontal heel and toe portion, a shift lever being positioned above the toe portion of the footrest, and the toe portion being positioned lower than the heel portion of the footrest, and wherein at least a portion of a foot beneath the shift lever allowing the rider to move the shift lever upward to shift the manual transmission. These structures in combination with other structure recite in claim 1 define over prior art of record.

Regarding claim 17, the references do not disclose an all terrain vehicle with the following: a foot-operable shift lever adapted to shift the transmission among a plurality of gears, a footrest being adjacent to the foot-operable shift lever and having generally horizontal heel and toe portion, the toe portion being positioned lower than the heel portion of the footrest, a shift lever being positioned at generally the same height as the heel portion of the footrest, and thereby defining a space between the shift lever and the footrest into which an operator may insert at least a portion of a foot to move the shift lever upward to shift the manual. These structures in combination with other structure recite in claim 17 define over prior art of record.

Regarding claim 18, the references do not disclose an all terrain vehicle with the following: a foot-operable shift lever adapted to shift the transmission among a plurality of gears, a footrest being adjacent to the foot-operable shift lever and having generally horizontal heel and toe portion, the toe portion being positioned lower than the heel

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portion of the footrest, a shift lever being spaced from the toe portion and the heel portion to permit the rider to insert at least a portion of a foot beneath the shift lever for allowing the rider to move the shift lever upward to shift the manual transmission, and the heel portion and toe portion being defined by a continuous platform. These structures in combination with other structure recite in claim 18 define over prior art of record.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Toan To whose telephone number is (703) 306-5951. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lanna Mai, can be reached on (703) 308-2486. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 308-2571.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)305-1113.

To, T

March 7, 2001

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